

Dear Ms. Sweet,

I am writing regarding House Bill 4762. In its current form it aims to prohibit discrimination based on disability status with regard to the organ transplant process. I would like to strongly encourage the committee to add size/weight to this bill. Fat people are frequently discriminated against in medical settings. Obviously, physicians should be able to use their judgement about whether a person is a good candidate, but I strongly believe that blanket policies could be in place that would make it less likely people of size would even be considered for a transplant. Michigan has done a good job protecting people from discrimination in the workplace based on body size (e.g., the Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act). I believe adding weight/height to Bill 4762 would be consistent with the spirit of Michigan law, and also would serve to protect the lives and health of many Michiganders.

Thank you for your consideration of my input.

Sincerely,

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